

A Celebration of Life for



Robertha Miles

Sunrise:
March 28, 1938

Sunset:
June 19, 2021

SERVICE:

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021 VIEWING 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
132 West 116th Street • New York, NY 10026

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr Thomas D. Johnson Sr.
Associate Pastor David Francis

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Consolation/Rejoicing

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Reading Reverend Marsha Lee Watson

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1

New Testament - Revelations 21:1-7 Deacon Michael Russell

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Lehman McGhee

Musical Selection Dr. Dexter Allgood & CBCC Choir

Reflections /Remarks/Tributes 2 Minute Limit Please

Obituary (read silently)

Special Music

Eulogy Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Johnson Sr.

Final Viewing

Benediction

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery- Butler, NJ

Repass

Canaan Baptist Church of Christ
132 W. 116th Street (Founders Hall)

Life Reflections of Robertha Miles

Robertha entered this world Monday March 28, 1938, in Summerton, South Carolina to her Parents the late Rachael & Harry Filmore (they both preceded her in death). She was the oldest of 5 siblings; 2 of her brothers preceded her in death Ashley (Ernest)& Willie. One Son preceded her in death Harold Miles, her oldest son. Ma was educated in the Summerton Educational System. Coming from a small close-knit community, Summerton was known for its deep spiritual commitment and sound family values. Robertha was taught to be a hard worker and to be a dedicated young woman. She had a desire to expand her horizons and thus relocated to NEW YORK CITY; Specifically, Harlem USA 118th Street. Young Robertha was seeking to expound on all she was taught. She had a deep love for the Lord. Eventually, she joined Canaan Baptist Church located on 118th Street on October 2, 1960 and was baptized by the late Reverend E. M. Moore. She was a dedicated member and continued her spiritual training under the late Dr. Wyatt T. Walker Sr, and finally Dr. Thomas D. Johnson, Sr. Our songbird had a beautiful melodic voice, and she sang with the Canaan Recording Choir, The Goldenrule Jubilee Choir, The Gospel Chorus, Voices of Canaan, W.T.W. Inspirational Choir and the Silver Strands. Many say she had the sound of the late great songstress Mahalia Jackson. Our Canaan Mahalia remained steadfast to God's teachings where she was a mighty prayer warrior, a member of the Praise Team, and she attended Wednesday Night Prayer Service & BTU faithfully, and Bible study. She was also an aspiring actress who starred in Ms. Ellie's production as Mahalia Jackson.

This God-fearing Gospel filled woman, Mother of six was a Domestic Worker for fifty plus years and always exemplified a style of exquisite dress, was always on time, and we never heard any complaints but full of Praise. Whenever you saw that green van, your heart was prepared for a calm and a soothing voice.

Robertha was the founder and main host of her quartet group "The Shining Stars". Every year the Shining Stars celebrated their Gospel Quartet's Anniversary every September at The Glendale Baptist Church, NYC, for the past 38 plus years. The Master of Ceremony was Deacon Michael Russell for the last 10 years. Here are some of the featured groups that appeared down through the years faithfully: New Overcoming Men, Brooklyn, NY Troy Murray & The Friendly Six, Bronx, NY; The Smith Brothers, NYC; Gospel Wonders, Bx, NY Joy Wonders, NYC; White Rock Baptist Choir, Mt. Vernon Mass Choir Metropolitan B. C., Newark, NJ Sunset Jubilee Singers, NYC Mass Choir of Day Springs Baptist Church, New York City.

Robertha was a proverb 31 woman; she depicted a strong woman who put God's Wisdom into practice in her Life. Yes, this was a Proverb 31 Woman, When God Calls Ordinary People To Do Extraordinary Things; verse 13 "She Works with Willing Hands" and verse 3 "The wise worker is diligent, hard-working and long term planning."

She was a devoted Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Auntie, Godmother, Sister In Christ, A Friend but most of all she was a child of God.

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, while asleep and a patient for a short stay in Montefiore Center Hospital in the Bronx, New York, a tender hand unseen by us, plucked our dearly beloved; by this alone our grief is blessed for it was God.

Robertha will be forever remembered for her many attributes: singing, praying, and her beautiful smile. She leaves to cherish her precious Memories: Her Children Mrs. Gail Terry (Jerry), Henderson, NC; Ms. Myra Durden, Boston, MA, Mrs. Cynthia Bryant (AI), Bronx NY, Mr. Keith Miles (Tearra), Florida, Mr. Kevin Miles, Bronx, NY; grandson Craig Miles who lived in the home with her all his life, Bronx, NY. Siblings: Mrs. Harristine Andrews (Leon), North Carolina; Ms. Virginia Richardson, Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. Jackie Filmore, South Carolina. Grandchildren: Latasha, Shaquena, Vera, Harold Jr., Dominique, Garry, Craig, Albert III, Joshua, Alissa, Keith O, Bernard, & Chelsea. Eighteen Great -grand Children. A Host of Nieces, Nephews, our Canaan Family & The New York State Gospel Quartet Family, and a host of friends.

I'll Be Seeing You

I am at rest, so don't cry it will be easier as time goes by, I've done my best to live a good life, for I knew if I did, I could be with Christ. As my body lies here It's only a shell, God has called me home and my job is done well. Now I'm happy and very content, for the things I've done wrong, I repent. You know and I know that It's hard on earth, so you should not cry at death but at birth. I have no worries, pains or fears because I'm with God, so dry your tears. I love you all and this is what I want you to do, put God first in your life and I'll be seeing you. Look at me as you go by, as you are now, so once was I. But as I am, so shall you be, so prepare yourself now for someday you will follow me.



Acknowledgement

The Family of **Robertha Miles** with grateful hearts wishes to thank God for friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during our time of bereavement. Every act of kindness offered has given us the strength to face another day. Thank you and may God bless you all forever.

Special Thanks

A Special thanks to our Church family, Canaan Baptist Church Of Christ. We will be forever grateful to all of you for your prayers, your love and kindness you have shown us in our time of sorrow. We Love You In Christ.

For we know that if our earthly house of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

II Corinthians 5:1

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